GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Telangana Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Diversion of 26.993 Ha of forest land **(FP/TG/TRANS/457150/2023)** in Achampet and Amangal division for Construction of 765 KLV DC transmission line from Kurnool-3 (New PS) to Maheshwaram SS of POWERGRID in favour of M/s. Power Grid Corporation of India Limited - Final (Stage.II) approval accorded – Orders – Issued.

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ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 93 Dated: 15-09-2025

Read the following:-

1.From the PCCF, (HoFF), Telangana, Hyd., Lr.No.FC4/FC26/1/ 2023, Dt:10/10/2024.
2.Govt.Lr.No.4899/For.1(1)/2024, dt:04.01.2025.
3.From the Asst. Commissioner (F), GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-Office, Hyd., (RO Chennai) Dt.22.04.2025.
4.From the PCCF(HoFF), TG., Hyd.,Rc.No.FC4/FC26/1/2023, Dt:15.07.2025.
5.Govt.Letter.No.4899/For.I(1)/2024, dt:19.08.2025.
6.From the Assistant Commissioner(Forestry), GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-Office (RO, Chennai), Hyderabad, Dt:02.09.2025.

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ORDER

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad has furnished a proposal for diversion of 26.993 Ha of forest land in Achampet and Amangal division for Construction of 765 KLV DC transmission line from Kurnool-3 (New PS) to Maheshwaram SS of POWERGRID in favour of M/s. Power Grid Corporation of India Limited.

2. In the letter 3rd read above, the Ministry of Environment & Forests GoI, have granted in-principle (Stage-I) approval for the proposal forwarded vide letter 2nd read above, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated thereof.

3. In the letter 5th read above, the State Government have forwarded the report of compliance on the conditions stipulated by GoI, as submitted by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad in his letter 4th read above, to the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Hyderabad, for according necessary approval.

4. In the letter 6th read above, Central Government have granted final approval for the proposal No **(FP/TG/TRANS/457150/2023)** under Section- 2 of the Forest (C) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stipulated therein.

5. Accordingly, Government hereby accord final (Stage-II) approval for diversion of 26.993 Ha of forest land **(FP/TG/TRANS/457150/2023)** in Achampet and Amangal division for Construction of 765 KLV DC transmission line from Kurnool-3 (New PS) to Maheshwaram SS of POWERGRID in favour of M/s. Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

1. General Conditions

S. No	Conditions
1.1	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged

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1.2	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 26.993 Ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
1.3	The compensatory afforestation scheme, as approved, shall be implemented by the State Forest Department at the project cost at the earliest possible. The approved CA land and scheme shall not be changed without taking prior approval of the central government.
1.4	The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required
1.5	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas
1.6	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal
1.7	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of theCentral Government
1.8	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government
1.9	No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused
1.10	Any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department
1.11	Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife
1.12	The State Government, before issuing the final diversion order, shall ensure that the user agency has complied with all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble CourtOrder (s) and NGT Order (s), including compliance of Forest Rights Act, 2006, pertaining to this project, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;
1.13	The conditions required to be adhered under the Forests Right Act, 2006 as per the rules/guidelines issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 shall be strictly complied with.
1.14	Violation of any of these conditions will amounts to violation Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules and Guidelines relevant.

2. Standard conditions

S. No	**Conditions**
2.1	The user agency at its cost shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on conductors of transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits.
2.2	The User Agency shall comply with the guidelines for laying transmission lines through forest areas issued by Ministry vide letter No.7-25/2012-FC dated 05/05/2014 & 19/11/2014.

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3. Specific Conditions

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<tr><td>3.1</td><td>Width of right of way for the transmission line shall be limited to 67 m;</td></tr>
<tr><td>3.2</td><td>The User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.</td></tr>
<tr><td>3.3</td><td>The Comprehensive Wildlife Mitigation Plan as approved by the CWLW, Telangana state shall be implemented.</td></tr>
<tr><td>3.4</td><td>The user agency shall maintain necessary ground clearance to prevent electrocution of wild animals</td></tr>
<tr><td>3.5</td><td>No approach road shall be constructed in the forest area for transportation of steel and other material required for the transmission line. As far as possible the User Agency shall use the existing road and the proposed RoW for the transportation of the material and in the event of non-availability of such facilities, the User Agency shall transport material manually without construction of any path</td></tr>
<tr><td>3.6</td><td>The State Forest Department shall implement approved scheme for creation and maintenance of plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in the right of way under transmission line for execution of the said scheme at the cost of the user agency. In addition to the above state government shall also implement approved CA scheme in the identified degraded forest land as per the details given below:
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<tr><td rowspan="2">Nagarkunool</td><td>CA DFL</td><td>35</td><td>345.57154</td><td>Compt.no.451, Sirsanagadla RF of Nagarkurnool Range of Achampet Division</td></tr>
<tr><td>Plantationunder RoWoftransmissio n line</td><td>20</td><td>100.60713</td><td>Under the transmission line</td></tr>
<tr><td>Rangareddy</td><td>CA DFL</td><td>20</td><td>200.285</td><td>Compt.no.336, Pahadishareef Beat, Maisaram RF of ShamshabadRangeof Shamshabad division</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td>Plantation in DFL in lieu of dwarf species plantation under the Transmission line</td><td>9.744</td><td>52</td><td>Compt.No.331 in Padamatikancha RF of Shamshabad division.</td></tr>
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3.7	The User Agency has made paymentRs.13,81,70,925/-towards CA, Dwarf Plantation, NPV and Wildlife conservation / Management Plan (Rs.5,45,85,654/-,Rs.1,52,60,713/-,Rs.3,05,24,558/- and Rs.3,78,00,000/- respectively).The levies paid by the UA shall be utilized for the same as per the approved plan/scheme.
3.8	The User Agency shall provide CA in NFL area for compensatory afforestation in lieu of the forest area diverted, if applicable, based on the final outcome in the WP No.1164/2023, which is currently pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The State Forest Department shall ensure that an undertaking from the user agency is obtained in this regard.

6. The Nodal Officer shall be responsible for obtaining the compliance of all the conditions laid down in the Stage-II (final) approval accorded under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Telangana, Hyderabad shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

AHMAD NADEEM
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Telangana, Hyderabad.

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